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TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

List of Non-Governmental Organizations
recommended for accreditation

Note by the Secretariat

The following is a list of additional non-governmental organizations which the Secretariat believes have satisfied the requirements of rule 49 of the INCD Rules of Procedure (document A/AC.241/3), taking into account, in particular, decisions 1/1 and 2/1 concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations as adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first and second sessions1/. The Secretariat recommends that the Committee accredit the organizations listed.

1. Amigos de la Tierra, Spain
San Bernardo, 24-3
E-28015 Madrid
Spain
Tel: (34.1) 523.3181
Fax: (34.1) 523.09.15
Established: 1979
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Conducts awareness raising campaigns on desertification in Spain through local actions and the media. Coordinates internationally, for Friends of the Earth International, the campaign on desertification. Collaborates with social organisations in presenting to the Spanish Government resolutions and requests.

1/ For the text of the decisions, see documents A/45/46 (Annex I) and A/46/48 (Annex I).

2. Association de Réflexion d'Échanges et d'Action pour l'Environnement et le Développement (ARÉA-ED)
2, rue Mouloud Zadi
Alger 16.006
Algeria
Tel: (213.2) 74.41.01
Fax: (213.2) 74.41.01
Em: AREA@ist.cerist.dz
Established: 1994
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Aims to integrate the environment in the education and training of the youth. Organises workshops bringing together decision-makers, the private sector and citizens on sustainable development and encourages individual responsibility for the environment. Increases public awareness of the environment through the publication of environmental bulletins. Participates in national and international demonstrations related to sustainable development.

3. Association Développement Durable
B.P. 4848
Nouakchott
Mauritania
Tel: (22.22) 526.23
Fax: (22.22) 575.22/504.40
Established: 1996
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Encourages the participation of the rural population in actions concerned with protection of the environment, combatting desertification, eradicating poverty, enhancing food security and water conservation. Raises community awareness of these issues by hosting seminars, workshops and information days.

4. Association for Rural and Environment Care (AREC)
192, Tejkunipara (1st Floor)
P.O. Tejgaon
Dhaka - 1215
Bangladesh
Tel: (880) 2.911.3456
Fax: (880) 2.866.819
Established: 1996
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Raises awareness amongst the rural poor on education, health care, family planning, environment, desertification and drought. Promotes the empowerment of rural and urban poor and assists in their economic self-sufficiency by creating self-employment.

5. Association pour le Développement des Techniques Agro-Ecologiques (ADTAE)
01 B.P. 3797
Ouagadougou 01
Burkina Faso
Tel: (226) 44.56.12/34.50.36
Fax: (226) 34.50.36
Established: 1990
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Conducts information seminars for rural youth and farmers on the maintenance and improvement of soil fertility. Creates activities (such as cereal banks, market gardening, small credit facilities) which generate revenue for the rural community. Encourages the use of appropriate technology such as solar energy.

6. Association pour la Protection de l'Environnement et le Bien-Être Social (APEBES)
B.P. 278
Kpalimé
Togo
Tel: (228) 41.02.80
Fax: (228) 41.02.80
Established: 1996
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Raises citizens awareness on the ecological damage caused by all types of pollution. Encourages the transformation of fallow land into national parks. Organises information days on the protection of the environment and the benefits of family planning. Implements a programme of information and education on reforestation.

7. COCIS
Coordinamento delle Organizzazioni non governative per la Cooperazione Internazionale allo Sviluppo (COCIS)
Via Francesco Ferraironi, 88/G
00177 Rome
Italy
Tel: (39.6) 242.4198
Fax: (39.6) 242.4177
Em: cocis.roma@iol.it
Established: 1986
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Represents a federation of 27 Italian non-governmental organisations which undertake projects to combat desertification in various African and Latin American countries. Conducts campaigns in Italy aimed at sensitizing the public, press agencies and political organizations on problems linked to desertification. Makes presentations at meetings concerning the application of the Convention.

8. Disaster Mitigation Institute
'Ashish' 25, Vasundhara Colony
Gulbai Tekra, Ellisbridge
Ahmedabad - 380 006
India
Tel: (91.79) 656.8421
Fax: (91.79) 642.0056
Established: 1995
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Conducts surveys in the region aimed at solving the problem of inadequate drinking water. Participates in the National Watershed Development programme by assisting the training and monitoring of the project. Participates in the planning and evaluation of the SEWA food security scheme. Formulates projects to assist the work security of rural women by enhancing their earning capacity through sales of their own artisanales.

9. Ecological Movement of Kyrgyzstan "Aleyne"
Box - 50
720071 Bishkek
Kyrgyzstan
Tel: (331.2) 25.53.70
Fax: (331.2) 28.55.47
Em: kirgwwf@tarbin.bishkek.su
Established: 1993
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Coordinates non-governmental organisations for participation in the National Environmental Action Plan. Organises information seminars, exhibitions, and publications on plants, the environment and ecology. Aims to strengthen international linkages in research, information and practical activities related to the environment and nature protection.

10. Fondation des Amis de la Nature (NATURAMA)
01 B.P. 6133
Ouagadougou 01
Burkina Faso
Tel: (226) 36.28.42
Fax: (226) 36.19.25
Established: 1991
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Develops field projects aimed at combatting desertification. Coordinates a national network on environmental education. Participates in numerous meetings related to desertification.

11. ForUM - The Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development
Storgaten 33A
Oslo 0184
Norway
Tel: (47) 22.20.98.70
Fax: (47) 22.20.37.80
Established: 1993
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Mobilises Norwegian NGOs to participate in international environment and development work. Influences policy making in relation to the implementation of Agenda 21. Cooperates with international networks. Acts as an information centre for international negotiations and is the political and professional contact point for debate, coordination and initiatives in international environment and development questions.

12. Gania Unnayan Committee
P.O. Belapadapatna
Dist. - Nayagarh
Orissa - 752085
India
Tel: (#) 06757.8222
Fax: not given
Established: 1978
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Promotes development of agriculture, agrobased industries, producers' organisations, co-operatives and other forms of self-activity. Encourages the use of alternative sources of energy. Develops educational techniques and materials on environmental protection.

13. Groupement d'Appui aux Initiatives Economiques des Femmes
B.P. 2511
Bamako
Mali
Tel: (223) 22.48.06
Fax: (223) 22.23.59
Established: 1992
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Undertakes with village women projects aimed at improving the system and quality of the water, agroforestry and tree cultivation. Encourages alternative livelihood projects such as poultry farming to improve the communities' income.

14. Institut Mariam Diallo
B.P. 483
Nouakchott
Mauritania
Tel: (22.2) 25.12.73
Fax: (22.2) 25.93.82
Established: 1968
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Strengthens the social structures by grouping cattle breeders and rural farmers together. Promotes food-producing agriculture for the farmers own use but also for commercial sales. Organises awareness days for the grass-roots community on development. Participates in cultural and sporting activities to raise awareness.

15. International Central Asian Biodiversity Institute (BIOSTAN)
11a-10 Gaydav pv.
Tashkent 700 105
Uzbekistan
Tel: 7(3712) 91.39.35
Em: tashkent@glas.apc.org
Established: 1995
Membership: Regional

Activities relevant to the Committee: Maintains programmes on biodiversity protection in arid areas which include environmental education and sustainable development. Cooperates with other NGOs in the region to establish a special desertification working committee for Central Asian Countries. Coordinate the Newly Independent States NGO meeting on the Convention to Combat Desertification.

16. International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
48 Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110 021
India
Tel: (91.11) 301.6837
Fax: (91.11) 301.5962
Established: 1950
Membership: International

Activities relevant to the Committee: Promotes and stimulates the development and application of the arts, sciences and techniques of engineering, agriculture, economics, ecology and social science in managing water and land resources for irrigation, drainage, flood control and river training. Conducts research adopting up-to-date techniques.

17. Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET)
P.O. Box 15674
Dar Es Salaam
Tanzania
Tel: (255) 51.18.00.05
Fax: (255) 51.18.00.05
Established: 1991
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Aims to raise public awareness on environmental problems through different mass media including radio and television programmes, news and feature articles and (traditional) communication systems such as theatre, art, dances and plays. Holds seminars and workshops on issues related to environmental problems.

18. Law and Environment Eurasia Partnership (LEEP)
Ul. Gaidara 11a/10
Tashkent 700105
Uzbekistan
Tel: 7(3712) 91.39.35
Em: tashkent@glas.apc.org
Established: 1994
Membership: International

Activities relevant to the Committee: Supports and aims to strengthen the work of the non-profit sector in protecting the environment. Publishes a monthly journal of environmental news for the Central Asian region. Operates an information service for environmental NGOs in the region and specializes in law and the environment. Lobbies for funding for environmental projects.

19. Les Amis de la Terre, Djibouti (AMITERD)
B.P. 266
Djibouti
Djibouti
Tel: (253) 35.18.29
Fax: (253) 35.18.29
Established: 1996
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Promotes the integration of environmental education into school programmes. Strengthens the role of women in environment and development and promotes the involvement of women in local initiatives. Encourages integrated sustainable management of natural resources. Researches and develops fishing and breeding activities which generate alternative and additional incomes.

20. Organisation CentrAfricaine pour la Défense de la Nature
B.P. 1583
c/o Commission Nationale pour l'UNESCO, Bangui
Central African Republic
Tel: (236) 61.43.00
Fax: (236) 61.41.74
Established: 1992
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Informs the public on the environmental problems and the consequences of deforestation. Educates and informs civil society on the necessity to protect the fauna and flora. Encourages the participation of the local community in realising concrete actions which prioritise the protection of the environment in harmony with sustainable development.

21. Organisation Féminine pour le Développement du Haut-Nkam (OR.FE.DE.HN)
B.P. 125
Banka - Bafang
Cameroun
Tel: (237) 48.66.93
Fax: not given
Established: 1994
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Implements technical studies on water conservation and protection of water harnessing zones and watersheds. Conducts training of farmers and agro-foresters in anti-erosion and soil conservation techniques. Mobilises local resources to assist community projects. Conducts awareness raising campaigns, information and training seminars for women on management techniques, health and hygiene and water systems.

22. Organisation Mauritanienne pour la Protection de l'Environnement et la Lutte Contre la Désertification
B.P. 02578
Nouakchott
Mauritania
Tel: (22.22) 52404/56814
Fax: (22.22) 55737
Established: 1996
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Publishes an information bulletin to raise public awareness of the problem of desertification and pollution. Conducts training for agro-pastoral cooperatives. Puts in place green belts and dune fixations in order to combat desertification.

23. PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association
P. O. Box 143
Baldwinsville, New York 13027
United States of America
Tel: (315) 478.7883
Fax: (315) 471.2567
Established: 1995
Membership: International

Activities relevant to the Committee: Promotes an "Earthworm technology" project as an alternative, cost effective, non-chemical method of increasing soil fertility to combat desertification. Undertakes briefings and seminars for countries interested in using this technology. Operates an international network on trade and sustainable development.

24. Réseau de Développement d'Agriculture Durable (REDAD)
B.P. 04-0670
Cotonou
Benin
Tel: (229) 32.43.00
Fax: Not given
Established: 1992
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Promotes sustainable forms of agriculture by organising participatory workshops, on-site visits and conferences to exchange information and share experiences. Creates information "shops" on indigenous knowledge and know-how encouraging knowledge generation, retrieval and exchange. Strengthens the initiatives of local farmers associations and women's groups through participatory technology development.

25. SAPHTA (Salubrité, propreté, hygiène et technique d'assainissement)
B.P. 11309
Niamey
Niger
Tel: (227) 72.51.34
Fax: (227) 73.35.69
Established: 1993
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Undertakes local projects to reduce poverty and enhance the sustainable agricultural production capacity of the community, such as installing grain grinding mills, exchanging experiences on making compost and the manufacture of soap as an alternative livelihood. Coordinates the Solidarité Canada Sahel programme to Combat Desertification in Niger.

26. Secrétariat Permanent des Organisations Non Gouvernementales (SPONG)
01 B.P. 131
Ouagadougou 01
Burkina Faso
Tel: (226) 30.62.63
Fax: (226) 31.71.02
Established: 1975
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Represents a collective of non-governmental organisations. Facilitates the activities of NGO members in the State's programme of development. Coordinates NGO participation in the NAP process as chairman of the "Comité de Pilotage des ONG sur la Désertification". Organises national forums and meetings.

27. Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA)
Sewa Reception Centre, Opp. Victoria Garden
Bhadra
Ahmedabad-380001
India
Tel: (91.79) 550.6477
Fax: (91.79) 550.6446
Em: sewa.mahila@axcess.net.in
Established: 1972
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Sets up craft development centres which provide training, raw materials, product development and marketing aimed at creating self-employment. Conducts training in plant grafting to enable the raising of anti-desertification fruit and non-fruit saplings. Assists in the purchase, storage and distribution of fodder for cattle breeding. Encourages water harvesting activities.

28. Sindh Rural Women's Up-lift Group
157-C, Unit. No.2, Latifabad
Hyderabad, Sindh
Pakistan
Tel: (92.21) 583.0816/583.0826
Fax: (92.21) 583.0826
Established: 1994
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Encourages the exchange of knowledge and education in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, training in social work, rural arts, crafts and cottage industry. Funds the publication of handbooks and papers on sustainable methods of agricultural and fruit farming practises, soil conservation, sustainable methods of irrigation and biological diversity.

29. Socio-Ecological Union
3/3 Bogoyavlensky PR
Moscow 103011
Russia Federation
Tel: 7(095) 298.3087
Fax: 7(095) 298.3087
Em: soceco@glas.apc.org
Established: 1988
Membership: Regional

Activities relevant to the Committee: Serves as an umbrella group for non-governmental organisations in the region. Conducts programmes on sustainable development, biodiversity protection, environmental education, NGO capacity building, protection and restoration of natural and cultural heritages and water management.

30. SouthPanAfrican International
P.O. Box 1832
Lomé
Togo
Tel: (228) 22.24.42
Fax: (228) 21.57.06
Established: 1992
Membership: Regional

Activities relevant to the Committee: Conducts pilot projects on tree nurseries. Promotes the preservation of the environment and animal welfare by combatting desertification through deforestation, bush fire control and anti-pollution measures. Informs farmers of new agricultural technologies. Encourages partnerships between institutions.

31. Uganda Association for Social Economic Progress
P.O. Box 14369
Mengo
Kampala
Uganda
Tel: (256.41) 345.002
Fax: (256.41) 345.597
Established: 1989
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Works with youth, women, elderly and children using a participatory approach to improve their socio-economic well-being. Disseminates improved fire saving stoves for use in the community. Encourages the creation of small scale enterprises managed on a cooperative basis in rural areas in the field of sustainable agriculture, food processing and agro-forestry. Assists in awareness raising of the community.

32. Universidad Internacional de Andalucia
Sede Antonio Machado
Centro Andaluz de Estudios para el Desarrollo Rural
Plaza de Santa María, s/n
Baeza - 23440 (Jaén)
Spain
Tel: (34.53) 74.27.75
Fax: (34.53) 74.29.75
Em: lsh@uniaam.uia.es
Established: 1994
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Studies and analyses the problems of rural development in the Andalucian region and Europe concentrating on agriculture, the environment and rural tourism. Hosts meetings on desertification in the Mediterranean, particularly in the South of Spain.

33. Vihar Samaj Kalyan Sansthan
Hawai Nagar (Khunti Road)
P.O. Hatia Rly, Colony
Ranchi - 834011 (Bihar)
India
Tel: (91) 651.502.087
Fax: (91) 651.502.087
Em: viskasan/ranchi@dartmail.dartnet.com
Established: 1984
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Organises awareness raising camps on issues relevant to rural development. Encourages the use of non-conventional energy through construction of biogas plants and smokeless chullhas. Imparts vocational skill training to the rural poor, particularly women, to improve their economic situation. Conducts rural development programmes on safe drinking water, irrigation and anti-environment pollution.

34. Volontaires dans la Lutte Contre la Désertification et la Sécheresse - "VOLUDES"
B.P. 757
Bissau
Guinea-Bissau
Tel: (245) 25.34.49
Fax: (245) 25.30.70
Established: 1996
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Promotes and strengthens economic activities based on sustainable community development. Encourages the active participation of local communities in the decision-making process, the execution of activities which support the promotion of the environment and the socio-cultural process. Promotes micro-projects and tree nurseries for reforestation, combatting erosion and increasing soil fertility. Conducts information campaigns on the role of the environment and the management of natural resources.

35. Vuum Tree Planting & Nursery Society
P.O. Box 9
Sandema
Ghana
Tel: not given
Fax: not given
Established: 1995
Membership: National

Activities relevant to the Committee: Creates public awareness on the degradation of land caused by deforestation, indiscriminate bush burning and improper land use. Operates tree nurseries in various communities to promote afforestation. Develops woodlots to reduce the dependence on the natural vegetation for fuel wood. Adopts soil conservation methods to protect the environment.

36. World Vision International - Senegal
B.P. 51
Thiès
Senegal
Tel: (221) 51.24.70/51.24.71
Fax: (221) 51.24.72
Established: 1948
Membership: International

Activities relevant to the Committee: Works in partnership with the Government and private sector in setting up activities related to community development in the areas of agriculture, irrigation, reforestation, health, fish farming and education. Contributes to the popularization of the Convention. Promotes and supports projects which produce better conditions for the rural population.